IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

PATRICK CHIMENTI, : CIVIL ACTION

Plaintiff

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V.

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GB COLLECTS, LLC, and

JOHN DOES 1-10,

Defendants : NO. 2:14-cv-03180-MSG

DEFENDANT'S ANSWER TO COMPLAINT AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

Defendant GB Collects, LLC ("Defendant" and/or "GBC"), by and through its undersigned counsel, answers Plaintiff's Complaint and states as follows:

- 1. Denied. All of the allegations in this paragraph, if any, are denied as they call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required.
- 2. Denied. All of the allegations in this paragraph, if any, are denied as they call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required.
- 3. Denied. Defendant is without sufficient information to properly respond to this paragraph, and, therefore, it is denied.
- 4. Admitted in part; denied in part. It is admitted that Defendant has its principal place of business in West Berlin, New Jersey. All other allegations, if any, in this paragraph are denied.
- 5. Denied. All of the allegations in this paragraph, if any, are denied as they call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required.
- 6. Denied. Defendant is without sufficient information to properly respond to this paragraph, and, therefore, it is denied.

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- 7. Denied. Exhibit A is a document which is self-explanatory and no response is required.
- 8. Denied. Exhibit B is a document which is self-explanatory and no response is required.
- 9. Denied. Exhibit C is a document which is self-explanatory and no response is required.
- 10. Denied. Exhibit D is a document which is self-explanatory and no response is required.
 - 11. Denied.
 - 12. Denied.

COUNT I

- 13. Defendant incorporates herein its responses to the allegations of the Complaint as if set forth in their entirety.
- 14. Denied. All of the allegations in this paragraph, if any, are denied as they call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required.
 - 15. Denied.

COUNT II

- 16. Defendant incorporates herein its responses to the allegations of the Complaint as if set forth in their entirety.
- 17. Denied. All of the allegations in this paragraph, if any, are denied as they call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required.
- 18. Denied. All of the allegations in this paragraph, if any, are denied as they call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required.

COUNT III

- 19. Defendant incorporates herein its responses to the allegations of the Complaint as if set forth in their entirety.
- 20. Denied. All of the allegations in this paragraph, if any, are denied as they call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required.
 - 21. Denied.

WHEREFORE, Defendant respectfully demands that the Complaint be dismissed; awarding it reasonable costs and attorneys' fees and such other relief as justice requires.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- 1. None of the communication alleged by the plaintiff contains deception.
- 2. None of the communication alleged by the plaintiff contains false or misleading statements.
- 3. Defendant did not engage in fraudulent conduct that creates a likelihood of confusion or misunderstanding.
- 4. Defendant did not have the intent necessary to rise to the level of a reckless or willful act.
 - 5. The plaintiff suffered no ascertainable loss of money or property.
 - 6. The plaintiff did not justifiably rely on any representation by defendant.
 - 7. The plaintiff fails to state a cause of action to which relief can be granted.

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8. To the extent that any violation occurred, it resulted from a bona fide error, notwithstanding the maintenance of procedures reasonably adapted to avoid such error.

- 9. To the extent that any violation occurred, it resulted from good faith reliance upon incorrect information offered by any person other than an agent, servant or employee of defendant.
 - 10. The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act does not apply to this case.
- 11. At all pertinent times, defendant acted in compliance with the Federal Trade Commission regulations, Federal Trade Commission staff commentary and letter commentaries, and/or Federal Trade Commission advisory opinions.
 - 12. Plaintiff has no standing to pursue this claim.
 - 13. Plaintiff did not timely request validation.
- 14. Defendant reserves the right to assert additional affirmative defenses as discovery warrants.

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Dated: September 10, 2014

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, RICHARD J. PERR, ESQUIRE, hereby certify that on or about this date, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing electronically, or by first class mail, postage prepaid, or telecopy on the following:

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